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SUBJECT: US-USSR HEALTH AGREEMENT: SCHEDULING OF 1978
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING (JCM)

REFS: (A) STATE 39529, (B) HEW-MOH TELEX NO. 730 OF
FEBRUARY 6

1. WE WERE DISMAYED TO LEARN THAT HEW HAS AGAIN USED
DIRECT TELEX LINK WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH)
TO SET UP JCM. WE ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT HEW
RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO MOH PROPOSAL WITHOUT APPARENTLY
CONSULTING WITH ICCUSSA AND CERTAINLY WITHOUT ASKING US
WHETHER THE DATES WERE CONVENIENT FROM OUR POINT OF
VIEW.

2. REF A STATED THAT HEW HAS "PROVISIONALLY AGREED" TO
MOH PROPOSAL ON SCHEDULING OF THE JCM; HOWEVER, REF B
STATES THAT "OIH CONCURS WITH PROPOSED DATES," SOVIETS,
THEREFORE, PROBABLY REGARD THE DATES OF THE JCM AS ALREADY
FIXED. NEVERTHELESS, WE AGREE THAT
OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION SHOULD ONLY COME THROUGH DEPT
CHANNELS. BEFORE WE SEND SUCH CONFIRMATION TO MOH WE
WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT GETTING SOME READ-OUT FROM EPA
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ABOUT POSSIBLE CONFLICT OF TIMING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL
AGREEMENT JCM, WHICH IS ALSO SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN
MOSCOW DURING FALL OF 1978. (WE WILL ATTEMPT TO GET
SIMILAR READING FROM HYDROMENT.)

3. WE APPRECIATE DEPT INFORMING US ON THIS MATTER.
(EMBASSY HAD JUST RECEIVED COPY OF REF B FROM MOH AND

EMBASSY CABLE ON THIS MATTER WAS ABOUT TO GO OUT WHEN WE
RECEIVED REF A.) HEW'S ACTION IS ANOTHER CLEAR MISUSE OF
ITS TELEX LINK WITH MOH TO NEGOTIATE MATTERS WHICH SHOULD
ONLY PASS THROUGH DEPT CHANNELS. (DEPT WILL RECALL THAT
HEW SIMILARLY USED TELEX LINK TO SET UP 1977 JCM)
WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT (EUR/SOV) RAISING THIS MATTER
WITH U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO ENSURE THAT ALL HEW
OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE HEALTH AGREEMENT UNDERSTAND --
AND OBSERVE -- GUIDELINES FOR USE OF TELEX LINK WITH
MOH. MATLOCK

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